

Dr. Anna Malaika Tubbs

PART I: The State of Black
Health in San Joaquin County
Maternal Health Keynote Speaker



Anna Malaika Tubbs is a multidisciplinary expert on current and historical understandings of race, gender, and equity. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University with a BA in anthropology, Anna earned her MA in gender studies and her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Cambridge as a Bill and Melinda Gates Cambridge Scholar. She is the author of the NYT Bestselling book *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation*. Anna lives with her husband, Michael Tubbs, and their children Michael Malakai and Nehemiah Neven.



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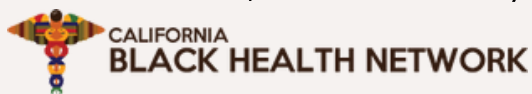
Ayesha Hunter

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Dr. Ayesha Hunter specializes in working with people of color and all others who need support. She comes from a Christian perspective, although she is open to working with people from all backgrounds. Dr. Hunter has been formerly trained in trauma-informed practices and is a Certified WRAP Facilitator and trained in EMDR. She sincerely cares about helping people overcome their tragedies and whole-heartedly supports recovery from trauma, addictions, and life experiences that could potentially provide setbacks. She believes the saying, "A setback is a setup for a comeback!"

Dr. Hunter is in the process of becoming a Traumatologist and has over 15 years of providing psychotherapy. She inspires others and empowers them to overcome their life tragedies. She works with children from ages 3 on up and adults. Including marital/couple's therapy (gay and straight) and family therapy. As an African American and a Latina (my mother is from Honduras), Dr. Hunter am sympathetic to working with people of color.



Chris Cannon, M.A.

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Chris Cannon is currently the Program Manager for the REACH COVID/Flu grant at Public Health Advocates in Stockton, CA. In his role, Chris and his team identify reasons of hesitancy towards the vaccine within the African American community. Furthermore, he and his team properly educates the community by distributing media kits, hosting listening sessions, and training key leaders to effectively communicate the facts about the vaccine. In addition to education, Chris and his team work to build bridges with pharmacy providers, and the community, to host vaccine events. Prior to working for Public Health Advocates, Chris has worked in various marketing and sales roles within the public and non-profit sector. Chris has always been an advocate for the African American community. He has volunteered with Faith in the Valley working on several voting education initiatives. He has also volunteered his time in San Jose, CA with the African American Community Service Agency.

Chris holds a B.A in Communication and a M.A in Political Communication from University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA. He has an 11-month-old daughter and has been married for 6 years. Chris is also active and proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Dr. Kwabena Adubofour

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Dr. Adubofour is the Medical Director of East Main Clinic and Stockton Diabetes Intervention Center in Stockton, California. The clinic is active in the private practice of internal medicine and diabetes care. He is board certified in Internal medicine and is a primary care diabetologist.

Dr. Kwabena Adubofour is the co-founder of Decision Medicine. Decision Medicine is a summer internship program organized by the San Joaquin Medical Society. The program is designed to encourage high school students to become medical doctors.

He is a past president of San Joaquin County Medical Society and serves as an alternate delegate to the House of Delegates of the California Medical Association.

Kwabena is also the founder and current chair of the technical committee of the San Joaquin County Diabetes Society. The society holds an annual diabetes conference aimed at improving the management of patients with diabetes in the community.



LaJuana Bivens

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LaJuana Johnson Bivens is a Leader and Civil Rights Activist. She is proud to be a native of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. She moved to Stockton, California and started her career in government with the City of Stockton. LaJuana promoted several times to finally serve as a Deputy City Manager/Sr. Administrator. She also served as the Director of Human Resources/Labor Relations with Head Start of San Joaquin County. Currently, she is the CEO of her non-profit, Equity Alliance Group, Inc., whose mission is to promote socio-economic empowerment and development programs

Current Service

- Serves as State Director for the NAACP California/Hawaii State Conference
- Serves as President of Mu Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Serves as National Trends Chair for the Links, Inc. – Stockton Chapter
- Serves on the NAACP National Elections Committee
- Member – Great Faith Baptist Church – Rev. David Evans, President Fully paid Life Member of NAACP



Lawonda Brown-Lucas

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Lawonda Brown-Lucas has over 17 years experience in Women's Health and Nursing Education. She is originally from Georgia and now resides in the Bay Area. She earned her Doctorate degree in Nursing from Capella University in 2018. She is a member of the illustrious Alpha Kappa Alpha incorporated where she serves as the Chair of the Women's Health Committee. She is married and has two sons. In her spare time she enjoys volunteering in her community and reading.



Lecia Harrison

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Inequities – Breakout Discussions
Mental Health



Lecia Harrison is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) and has been a resident of Stockton for almost 30 years. With more than 20 years of experience working in direct service to the public in a multitude of roles with Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties, she has worked with women and children who have been the victims of domestic violence, individuals with mental illness, hospital patients, disabled individuals, and family caregivers. Her depth of experience navigating systems, including child protective services and adult protective services, strengthens her capacity as a skilled advocate and resource in her community. Lecia received a master's in social work (MSW) from California State University Stanislaus and a Bachelor of Science in community studies from Humphreys College. She is certified in Strategies for Trauma Awareness & Resilience (STAR) and brings deep understanding of disparity and disproportionality within the healthcare, mental health, housing, education, child welfare systems, and the intersecting impacts of these structural inequities. Lecia works hard to educate members of her community to use their voices to advocate for themselves, family, friends, and neighborhoods. She is the Executive Director of Be Smooth, Inc., a nonprofit organization she founded after the murder of her son, Brandon Harrison; a board member for Bread of Life, and a member of Stockton Education Equity Coalition (SEEC). Lecia is also part of a coalition formed with Cleveland School Remembers and Faith in the Valley focused on the reduction of gun violence. In partnership with another clinician, she recently established a private practice, Your Inner Peace, focused on the mental health needs of the Black community. In her free time, Lecia enjoys spending time with her grandsons, gardening, cooking, and reading, all of which she considers vital to her practice of self-care.

Leslie Ferreira

PART II: Deconstructing Health Inequities – Breakout Discussions

Cancer



Leslie Ferreira joined ACS CAN as the Associate Director Grassroots Alliances, Health Equity in November 2021. Leslie has a long career in advancing health equity for underserved communities through tobacco control and working with youth advocates. She began her tobacco control work as a youth advocate volunteer during California’s Prop-99 efforts, where as a teenager she learned the importance of using your voice to make change. This led to professional time spent with the American Lung Association/Breathe California of Sacramento and the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, where she led youth programs, grassroots initiatives at the local and state levels and training. Leslie also served as the Chief of Health Equity for the California Tobacco Control Program. In this role she managed and facilitated partnerships with state agencies, community-based organizations, and traditional and non-traditional partners to develop and advance an evidence-based health equity plan. Most recently, Leslie worked for ETR Associates where she directed the Communities Energized for Health project that pursues commercial tobacco-free policies in communities most impacted by tobacco through a broad range of innovative approaches and partners. In these roles, Leslie has brought together vast partners impacted by tobacco use, and translates that experience in her work at ACS CAN. She has received training from the MidWest Academy in Direct Action Organizing and has volunteered with her local Relay For Life for many years with her large extended family. Leslie holds a BA in Sociology from Sonoma State University and a Master’s in Public Administration from Golden Gate University. Leslie lives in Lathrop, CA.

Monica White

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Monica L. White, Supervising Public Health Educator, assists in the coordination of Nutrition Education, Oral Health and Tobacco Control activities at San Joaquin County Public Health Services (SJCPHS), and joined the team in July 2019. A native Illinoisan, Monica is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago (BA '96) and The University of Michigan School of Public Health (MPH '98). She began her career in Public Health as an undergraduate student working in some of the most culturally and linguistically diverse areas of Chicago. Over the past 23 years, Monica has held increasingly challenging leadership and management roles in various nonprofit organizations, healthcare systems, and local health departments in Michigan, Illinois, and California. Prior to joining SJCPHS, she was responsible for designing and managing system-level programs and initiatives (focused on special and hard-to-reach patient populations); training and staff development of Community Health Workers and Population Health Outreach Coordinators at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, MI. Prior to joining the team at Henry Ford, Monica served as a Training and Staff Development/Emergency Planning Coordinator at SJCPHS and Executive Director of the Merced County Health Care Consortium. She's happy to be back in California and resides in Modesto with her daughter Lauren.

Tamesha Valverde

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Tamesha Valverde is with Flourishing Families Inc and provides Black mothers with individualized and one-on-one education, counseling and support focusing on six specific areas: relationships, education and employment, health and medical care, mental health and substance use/abuse and basic essentials (housing, food/nutrition, transportation, childcare, etc.).



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Tashante McCoy

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The Blueprint for Healing the Black Community



Tashante is a mother, prayer warrior, and beloved friend to her community. Tashante McCoy whom most affectionately refer to as "Té" is a native of Stockton born and raised. Personal experiences with trauma and tragic loss is what fueled Tashante's passion for creating healing, restoration, and reconciliation within her community. Tashante is the founder and president of the organization The Owl Movement which powers Stockton Angel Mothers, an extension she created for mothers who have lost children. The Owl Movement under her leadership also oversees a mentorship program known as Jr. Owls for girls ages 6-18 focusing on civic engagement, community service, and basic core values. February 1, 2021 The OWL Movement under her leadership opened a community healing space-The Lighthouse Healing Alternatives For Women, Children,& Men where the focus is healing through art, music, dance, photography, storytelling, and so much more. Tashante is also the co-founder of The Stockton PEACE Transformation Prayer Team which is a collective of faith based community leaders who lead a daily prayer line and hosts community prayer walks. Tashante's newest vision The Exodus-The Blueprint For Healing is moving through the community encouraging individuals to prioritize physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness.

Tashante also wears a second hat as the Regional Manager Crime Survivors for Safety & Justice. In her role she organizes and builds networks of survivors of crime across the United States using a healing through action model to empower survivors to advocate for better policies around safety and mass incarceration.

Toni McNeil

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Facilitator



Toni is a full-time Community Organizer with Faith in the Valley of the San Joaquin County. She works with various Clergy, Congregations, Community residents, and Concrete members surrounding Restorative Justice Issues such as: Gun Violence Reduction, Principled Policing, exposing/dismantling the Prison Industrial Complex, as well as Housing & Homelessness. She is also the founder of her own consulting business, Concrete Development LLC, where she provides training and group facilitations surrounding leadership development, vision casting, conflict resolutions, and bridging/belonging across differences.

Toni has a strong passion for healing and empowerment within communities of color through the means of active listening, training, and educating. Her focus is the revealing of truths that lie within power structures through strategic and intentional power mapping, research, and systemic analysis. She enjoys motivational speaking, group facilitating, and training at events and is especially skilled in the areas of Facilitating, Organizing, Advocacy, and Leadership Development.

Toni McNeil is a mother of four, native of Stockton, and an ordained Elder. She has held a variety of ministry positions and developed programs such as “Train up a Child” and “Moving Forward” to help bridge the gap between church and community. She is the Founder and Host of Anti-Black Conversations, which is a virtual platform that is a Space where People of Color can challenge each other's conditioned mindsets via emotionally intelligent conscious dialogue to reveal the film of White Supremacy that clouds the lenses from which we see ourselves and others.